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Title: "ANALYTICAL METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
LIQUID SAMPLE USING NEAR INFRARED  
SPECTROSCOPY"

PETITION FOR A FIRST MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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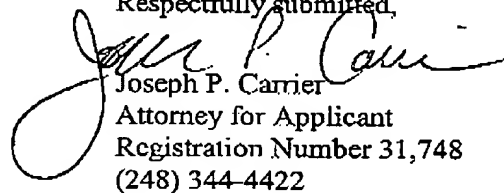
Sir:

Applicant hereby respectfully petitions for a first month extension of time in the above-identified application for responding to the Office Action dated October 24, 2005. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the \$120 fee for such first month extension, as well as to charge any deficiency which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, and to credit any excess paid during the entire pendency of the application, to Deposit Account 50-0744 in the name of Carrier, Blackman & Associates, P.C. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Since the requested extension of time would not extend the total response time beyond the six-month statutory period, it is believed that this petition is in order, and approval of same in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 is earnestly solicited.

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